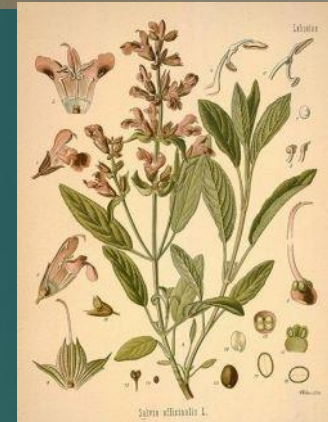


Wordly Wise Vocabulary

UNIT 4

accurate

- ▶ adj.
 - ▶ 1. Able to give a correct reading or measurement
 - ▶ This clock is so **accurate** that it gains less than one second a year.
 - ▶ 2. Without mistakes or errors in facts.
 - ▶ In science class we make **accurate** drawings of the plants we study.
- ▶ **Accuracy** n. Correctness, exactness
- ▶ I question the **accuracy** of your report because others have described the accident quite differently.



approximate

- ▶ adj. Not exact, but close enough to be reasonably correct
- ▶ My **approximate** weight is a hundred and ten pounds.



course

► n.

1. The path over which something moves

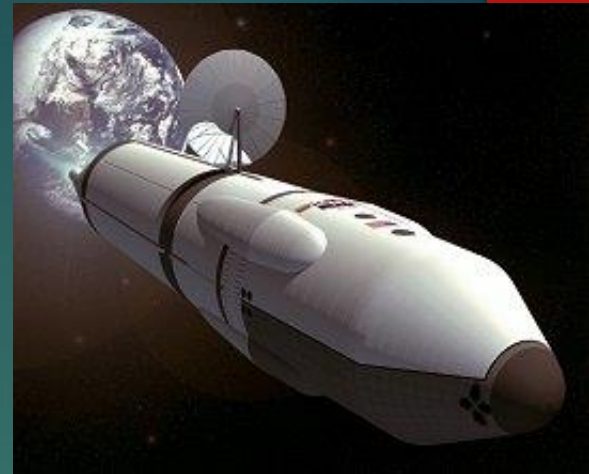
► The spaceship is now on a **course** for Mars.

2. A way of acting or behaving.

► Because it is raining so hard, our best **course** is to wait in the car until the storm ends.

3. A subject or set of subjects to be studied.

► The high school science **course** includes several field trips.



depart

- ▶ v. To leave; to go away from a place.
- ▶ The bus for Detroit **departs** at ten o'clock.
- ▶ **Departure**=n. the act of leaving
- ▶ We were sad after the **departure** of our friends.



despair

- ▶ v. To lose hope
- ▶ When neither the library nor the bookstore had it, I **despaired** of ever finding the book I wanted.
- ▶ n. A total lack of hope
- ▶ The look of **despair** on their faces told me that the situation was worse than I had feared.



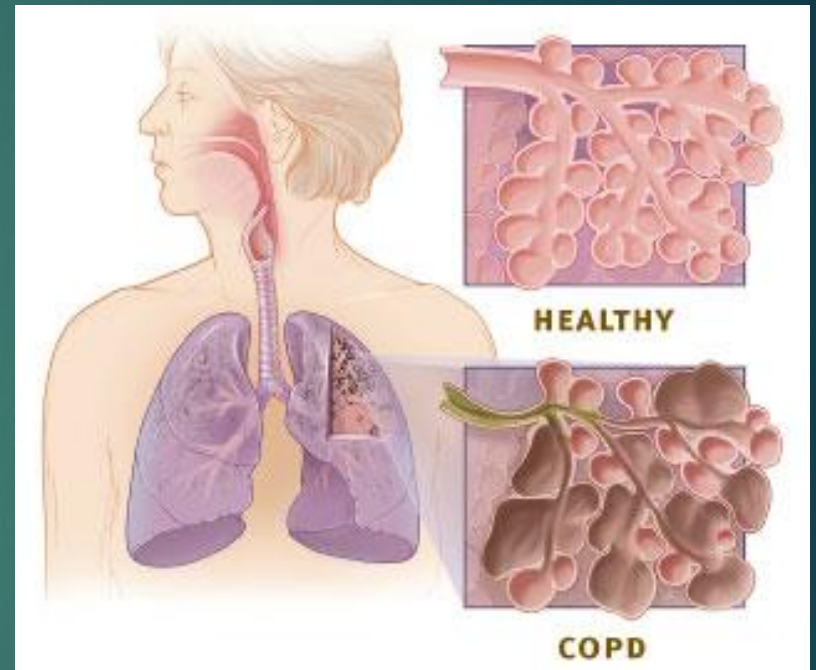
destination

- ▶ n. The place to which something or someone is going.
- ▶ Tell the clerk your **destination** when you buy your ticket.



deteriorate

- ▶ v. To make or become worse
- ▶ Smoking causes the lungs and heart to **deteriorate**.



gale

- ▶ n.
- ▶ 1. A very strong wind.
- ▶ Last night's **gale** tore several tiles off the roof.
- ▶ 2. A loud outburst.
- ▶ We heard **gales** of laughter coming from the party.



horizon

- ▶ n. The apparent line in the distance where the sky meets the sea or land.
- ▶ We watched the setting sun sink slowly over the **horizon**.
- ▶ **Horizontal**=adj. going straight across from side to side
- ▶ The shoeboxes were in a **horizontal** row at the back of the closet.



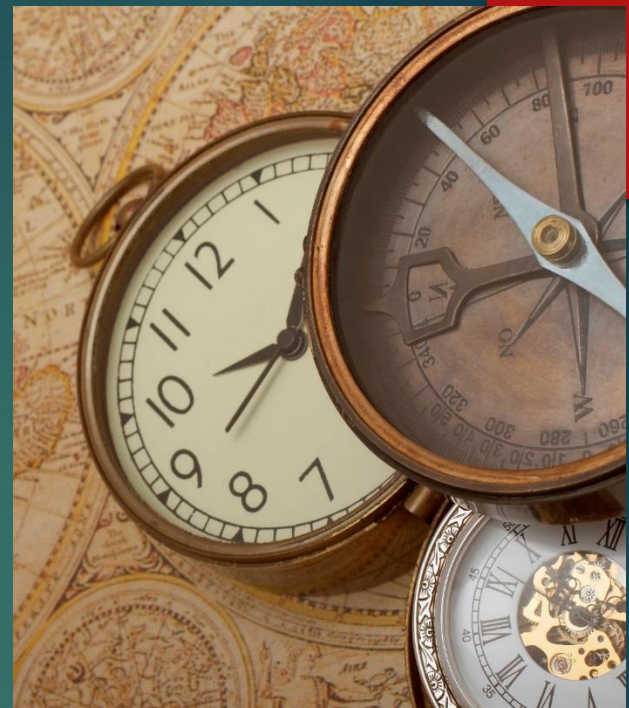
jubilation

- ▶ N. A feeling or expression of great joy.
- ▶ There was **jubilation** among the fans when the Patriots won the 2004 Super Bowl.
- ▶ **Jubilant** adj. very happy
- ▶ My family was **jubilant** when Aunt Jean survived her heart operation.



navigate

- ▶ v. To calculate or direct the movement of a ship or aircraft.
- ▶ Phoenician sailors **navigated** by measuring the position of the sun and stars.
- ▶ **Navigation** n. The science or practice of navigating.
- ▶ Clocks and sextants are instruments used in **navigation**.



nostalgia

- ▶ n. A longing for a certain time in the past.
- ▶ Seeing the photographs of my first dog filled me with **nostalgia**.
- ▶ **Nostalgic** adj. Having feelings of nostalgia.
- ▶ I became **nostalgic** when I heard you playing the song my grandfather used to sing to me.



revive

► v.

1. To make or become strong again.

► A short rest will **revive** you.

2. To bring back into use or fashion.

► The show **revives** a number of songs from the fifties.



sever

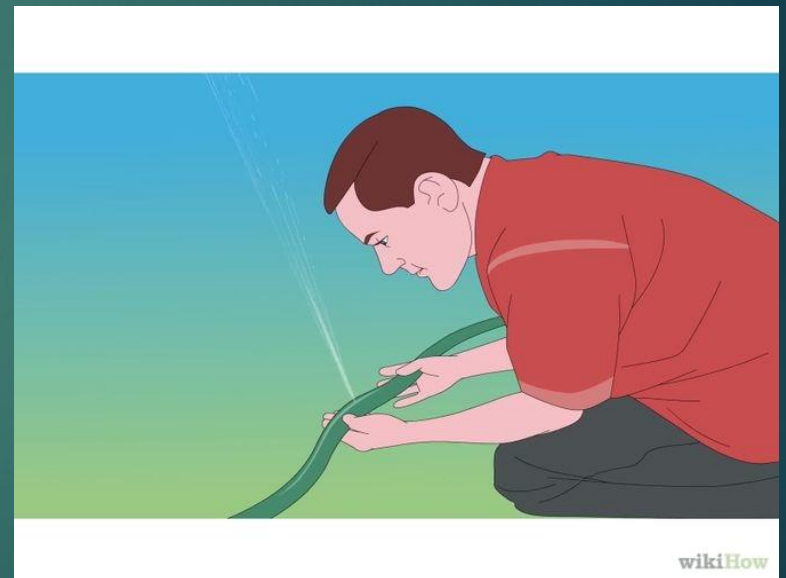
▶ v.

1. To break off.

▶ When the plane that crashed was proven to be on a spy mission, the countries **severed** all ties with each other.

2. To cut in two.

▶ Irving accidentally **severed** the garden hose while mowing the lawn.



voyage

- ▶ n. A long journey by sea or in space.
- ▶ The **voyage** across the Pacific will take three weeks.
- ▶ v. To make a journey by sea or in space.
- ▶ Long before Columbus, the Vikings **voyaged** across the Atlantic Ocean to reach North America.

